

The Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the conditions and lives of others. This scholarship is funded through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person (visa students are not eligible),
- be an Alberta resident, and to be considered an Alberta resident one of the following conditions must apply:
 - one parent, or legal guardian has maintained permanent residence in Canada for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies and be residing in Alberta, or
 - Alberta is the last place the student has lived for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies, or
 - the student's spouse/partner has maintained permanent residence in Alberta for 12 consecutive months prior to the person attending post-secondary
- be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program: undergraduate, professional, graduate, apprenticeship, diploma or certificate program at a publicly-funded institution in Alberta in the current academic year, and
- have shown outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of other people while attending a publicly-funded post-secondary institution in Alberta, and
- be in satisfactory academic standing as determined by the post-secondary institution.

Selection Process

Selection will be made on the basis of the role and contribution each student has made to their school as well as the documentation provided with the application. There are a limited number of scholarships available to each school and application deadlines vary by school.

Application Process

Applicants must include with their application the following:

- a resumé highlighting your leadership involvement and extra-curricular activities related to improving the lives of other people, and
- an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words - please refer to page 2 of the application for details.

Alberta Student Number (ASN)

Your Alberta Student Number is on your Alberta Transcript for High School Achievement.

If you do not know your ASN, or do not have an ASN:

- Visit learnerregistry.ae.alberta.ca for instructions.
- Call toll-free in Alberta at 310-0000 to have a Request for ASN form mailed to you. Due to privacy issues, ASN's will not be given over the phone.

Deadline and How to Apply

Application Deadline: February 5, 2027

Submit application to: Post-Secondary Institution Student Award Office

Payment:

Contact: FinancialAide@keyano.ca

POPA Collection Notice or Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) Notice

The personal information requested on this form is collection under the authority of section 65 of the Alberta Post-Secondary Learning Act, and section 4 (c) of the Alberta Protection of Privacy Act. The information collected will be used for the purpose of scholarships and awards. In compliance with federal and provincial legislation, your information may be disclosed to Statistics Canada under the Statistics Act; Alberta Advanced Education for reporting requirements; and Alberta Human Services for determining and monitoring student eligibility for their services. If you have any questions regarding the collection and use of your personal information, please contact the Office of the Registrar at 780-791-4801.

Personal, Citizenship and Residency Information

Last Name (current legal name)

First Name (current legal name)

Middle Initial

Apartment or Box Number

Street Address (add direction, e.g. S, NW, SE, if applicable)

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Mobile Number (format: 999-999-9999)

Telephone Number (format: 999-999-9999)

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

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X Choose X if you do not identify as male or female, or choose to self-identify as X.

Previous Last Name (if applicable)

Email Address (mandatory)

Indigenous Status:

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Status Indian/First Nations

☐

Non-Status Indian/First Nations

☐

Métis

☐

Inuit

☐

Not applicable

Providing personal information on Indigenous students will help measure the effectiveness of student financial assistance programs in relation to Indigenous students and to research programs and services to improve student success rates. If you wish to declare your Indigenous heritage, please check the box that applies to you.

NOTE: This is mandatory for awards which require Indigenous status as part of the eligibility, voluntary otherwise.

Social Insurance Number

Birthdate

Day	Month	Year

Alberta Student Number (mandatory)

Citizenship Status: (check one)

☐

Canadian

☐

Permanent Resident

☐

Protected Person*

***If you are a Protected Person, including Convention Refugee, you must submit:**

- A copy of your Social Insurance Number card **AND**
- A copy of **one** of the following:
 - Notice of Decision, or
 - Verification of Status Document (VOS)

The documentation must be valid on your Program of Study Start Date.

Alberta Residency:

Did you or one of your parents or legal guardian live in Alberta for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies? (Do not include time attending post-secondary studies or vacations.)

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Yes

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No

If no, has your spouse/partner maintained permanent residence in Alberta for 12 consecutive months prior to you attending post-secondary.

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Yes

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No

Current Post-Secondary Institution Enrolment Information

Post-Secondary Institution Name

Student ID

Address

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Program of Study

Program of Study Start Date

Month	Year

Anticipated Date of Completion

Month	Year

Program Length

	☐ Years	☐ Months
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Year of Program

Level of Study: (check one)

☐ Master Level ☐ Ph.D Level ☐ Undergraduate

☐ Professional Program (e.g. medicine, veterinary medicine, optometry, etc.)

Expected Credential (e.g. upgrading, transfer, degree, diploma, certificate, other)

Alberta Student Number (mandatory)

Additional Information

Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship - Biography

After reading the biography of Dr. Gary McPherson please attach an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words using examples of how you have shown leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of others.

The essay should be typed, double-spaced and use a font size no smaller than a size 10.

Dr. Gary McPherson Biography

Dr. Gary McPherson was an extraordinary Albertan who sought to improve the conditions and lives of people through his outstanding leadership ability. Despite being paralyzed due to polio, McPherson was a sports enthusiast throughout his life and helped to transform wheelchair sports into a worldwide sporting movement known as the Paralympics.

McPherson was also a leader and advocate for the disabled community serving as Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and Vice-Chair of the Alberta Paraplegic Foundation. Gary received significant recognition and awards for his achievements including the prestigious Order of Canada, the Queen's Jubilee Medal, the Alberta Order of Excellence, and both the Edmonton and Alberta Sports Halls of Fame.

Above all, Gary dedicated his life to his family and to activities that promoted community development and support for young people. Gary passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Declaration of Applicant

I have read and understand the instructions, and declare that:

- all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to verification.
- I will immediately notify _____ Keyano College _____ if there are any changes to the information I have provided in this application.

Collaborative degree students must apply to the institution confirming their degree (University of Alberta or Northern Alberta Institute of Technology).

You must have a GPA of at least 1.70 or higher in the preceding year of studies.

In the event that there are more applicants than awards, GPA will be a contributing factor in selection of the recipients.

- I authorize my post-secondary institution to disclose information collected on this application form, my program of study and any award details (if I am selected) to Alberta Student Aid, and I authorize Alberta Student Aid to collect this information from the post-secondary institution for the purposes of administering the Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship under the *Heritage Scholarship Act*, including confirming my eligibility and suitability for this award, for program evaluation and for research and statistical analysis.

Signature of Applicant

Today's Date

Alberta Student Number (mandatory)

X SIGN HERE

Day Month Year

**Please review your application to make sure you have completed all the required fields and that the information is accurate.
Incorrect or incomplete information will delay processing.
Your application and all supporting documentation must be received by the application deadline.**